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Honorable George Bush Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Director:

I received your letter of August 23, 1976 commenting upon the provisions of the Senate passed bill, S. 2477, providing for the disclosure of lobbying activities.

As you know, the Committee on the Judiciary has been considering similar legislation for an extended period of time and has now approved revised language to be included in an amendment to the bill H. R. 15. The language approved by the committee does not contain the language you have referred to in Sec. 3(e)(3) of S. 2477 concerning certain contracts. The language of the committee amendment to H. R. 15 will contain a reference to contracts and it is found as a part of Sec. 3(a)(1) of the committee amendment. It is limited to "oral or written communications directed to a Federal Officer or employee (as defined in the bill) to influence the content or disposition of any bill, resolution, treaty, nomination, hearing, report, investigation, rule, rule making, or the award of Government contracts (excluding the submission of bids), or for the express purpose of preparing or drafting any such oral or written communication . . ".

I appreciate your bringing this matter to the attention of the committee. I have referred your letter to the subcommittee to which the bills relating to this subject have been referred.

Sincerely,

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